




# Superglue: modern medical miracle



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Also a miracle: I have a job (outside EMS) where nobody is in the least surprised or grossed out when you whip a tube of superglue out of your pocket to fix up a cut finger.

Platypus is right about sharp knives, too. The cuts heal faster. I might even be able to hit the gym tomorrow.



## Thank you

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I was horrified when this became a common treatment for small cuts.

Not because it's a bad idea, but because my father had been doing it for years (my family and sharp objects, a bad combination) and we'd been teasing him about it. When the rest of the world started doing it too, I lost a tease topic.

Dad also treats suspicious moles on his own (works with a lot of liquid nitrogen, and the temptation is just *there*).



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It's what superglue is *for*!!!!



 jimsmyth

July 6 2008, 15:40:57 UTC    COLLAPSE

"It's what superglue is *for*!!!!"

As my urban, artsy almost-brother says: "True dat!"

...but what is liquid nitrogen *for*?



 tamnonlinear

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a teeny little drop of liquid nitrogen on the suspicious mole, flick, and off goes the bad skin.

If my dad could treat all his medical worries himself, alone in the lab at night, he probably would. It's not so much the method of treatment as the general attitude of "I don't need a *doctor* for this." that worries me.




 trollicatz

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It's in the Mad Scientist's Handbook: you're allowed to experiment on yourself. It's only frowned on if you experiment on other people. Or if you, you know, suddenly grow to enormous size and rage through Manhattan crushing cars.



 dedoc

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Hey... are you trying to give us all SRMD?

Although I admit that for some of us it's too late to worry about that now... ahem.

 sprwhwk

July 6 2008, 19:16:07 UTC    COLLAPSE

...but what is liquid nitrogen *for*?

Liquid nitrogen ice cream, of course!

2 parts heavy cream

2 parts sugar

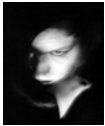
1 part whole milk

flavor as desired

Add liquid nitrogen gradually, stirring all the while, until it reaches the consistency of soft-serve.

Makes \*exceedingly\* tasty ice cream. :-)

(<alton-brown>The ice crystals LN2 creates in the milk are tiny, giving the ice cream an extremely smooth texture.</alton-brown> All that fat and sugar doesn't hurt either. Bet the Platypus would like this one. :-D)



 [kayjayoh](#)

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So how about Windex? :)



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Windex is for getting tight rings off. (Some people think it's for cleaning things. Funny, funny them.)



 [batwrangler](#)

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I never think to carry superglue, but I do often settle for scotch- (or packing-) tape at work, to the chagrin of my co-workers.

Yesterday, I accidentally smashed the bottom of an (empty) aquarium. It did the safety-glass break-into-chunks thing, but I still cut the base of my thumb. This bothered one of the guys who was helping me. My response was: yes, it's bleeding; blood is good; cleans the cut. (It was very bloody, but very small and closed up quickly on its own.)


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Fortunately you didn't cut yourself on the bottom of a smashed bat.



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I keep reading this as, "I never think to carry superglue, but I do often settle for scotch." Apply to wound to kill germs. Apply to swallowing apparatus to kill pain. Works for me! And you can carry it in a nice flask.



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Hurrah for superglue! (and various types of tape, and in one extreme case, bailing wire and a t-shirt)



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Improvise!

Athletic tape, also useful.



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I used old tube socks with the toes cut off to hold the bandages on my arm for a while.

**\*hasty, impromptu experiment\***

[mearn4d10](#)

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I've recently gotten back into scifi/fantasy miniatures painting, and done whacked my hands but good with a fresh hobby knife mid-assembly. Gotta hand it to you, super glue does work exceedingly well!

And really, it only helps to have a proper color/splatter reference when painting some of these crazies!



**Re: \*hasty, impromptu experiment\***

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owwwwch.

**Re: \*hasty, impromptu experiment\***

[mearn4d10](#)

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Pfff, there won't even be a scar! That's NUTTIN'. And Blenderella turned out great!

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Well, it's designed to hold skin. ("Bonds skin instantly!")

All that other stuff is just a kind of bonus!

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